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In conformance with Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and § 1.97(b)(3), the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 are hereby brought to the Examiner's attention.

In accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, copies of the references are submitted herewith. The references were cited in the International Search Report of PCT/JP2004/003975. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed. The article by William H.. Southwell has already been submitted, but is again listed on the PTO-1449 to correct a spelling error in the title of the article.

It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear in the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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